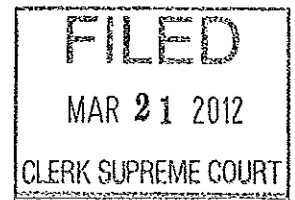


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF IOWA

Request for Public Comment)
Regarding Proposed Amendment)
to Iowa Court Rule 31.16—)
Registration of House Counsel)

Order



The court proposes to amend Iowa Court Rule 31.16—Registration of house counsel. This amendment is intended to revise Iowa’s house counsel rule so it more closely resembles the ABA Model Rule for Licensing of In-House Counsel. Much of this amendment involves some reordering and rephrasing of the existing requirements for registration of house counsel. The amendment also adds new requirements taken from the ABA Model Rule, including a requirement that in-house counsel comply with Iowa’s continuing legal education rules, a rule providing for automatic termination of registration under certain circumstances and a process for reinstatement from such termination, and a rule that expands the legal services registered in-house counsel may provide. This amendment incorporates preliminary feedback from the Association of Corporate Counsel and its Iowa chapter.

The supreme court seeks public comment on the proposed amendment prior to taking further action on it. Copies of the proposed amendment and a summary can be found at www.iowacourts.gov/Supreme_Court/Orders/. In addition, copies are available at the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court.

Any interested organization, agency, or person may submit written comments. Comments about a proposed rule must refer to the specific rule number (for example, Rule 31.16(2)) and the specific numbered line or lines to which the comments are directed. Comments sent by e-mail must be e-mailed to **rules.comments@iowacourts.gov**, must state “**house counsel rule**” in the subject line of the e-mail, and must be sent **as an attachment to the e-mail**

in Microsoft Word format. Instead of submission by email, comments may be delivered in person or mailed to the Clerk of the Supreme Court, 1111 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, 50319. **The deadline for submitting comments is 4:30 p.m. on April 23, 2012.**

Dated this 21st day of March, 2012.

THE SUPREME COURT OF IOWA

By Mark S. Cady
Mark S. Cady, Chief Justice